

previously pending corresponding apparatus claims. Thus, no new matter is added in the above amendment.

Response to the Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action mailed July 2, 2001, the Examiner divided the application into two groups:

Group I: Claims 1-30, drawn to composite claims; and

Group II: Claims 31-42 drawn to multiple uses for the composite.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group II.

This election is without traverse. The claims directed to Group I have been canceled. As stated above, Applicants expressly reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter of Group I.

From the foregoing, further and favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be in order and such action is earnestly solicited.

In the interest of expediting the prosecution of this application, if there are any questions concerning this amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Please charge any fees or credit any overpayment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16
or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 23-0035.

Respectfully submitted,



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